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In Re Application of:

Tadashi ICHIDA

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Examiner: Julie K. Smith

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant submits the following remarks in response to the Office Action, dated March 25, 2004 and based on the interview conducted with the Examiner on June 7, 2004, which is also summarized herein:

Interview Summary begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

Response After Final Rejection,
Dated March 25, 2004 and Summary
of Interview, Dated June 7, 2004

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Summary of Interview, Conducted June 7, 2004

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her courtesy during the interview conducted on June 7, 2004. During the interview, each of the rejections in the Office Action, dated March 25, 2004 ("Final Office Action") were discussed. Based on the interview, the Examiner agreed with Applicant that the pending claims are allowable over the prior art of record and that the pending claims are not indefinite. The Examiner also indicated that the arguments and distinctions made during the interview should be submitted in a formal written response to the Final Office Action, after which the finality of each of the Examiner's rejections would be withdrawn.